

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010
At 5:30 At Town Hall**

Called to order at 5:32

Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen

I. Public Comment:

-Lois reported on the progress of the Inline Skate Event (6/19/10) and distributed a flyer/map of the route.

-Gene Nelson stated a complaint about an employee & also wished to resolve the damage to his hangar at the airport. [To that end, a Special Town Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2010].

-Leslie Mack also reported damage to the Mack hangar.

-Mary Ross asked that agenda item X.B. be moved up in the evening. [Done by motion HR/JP 5AMC]

X. B. Safety Plan for July 4th and Star Bar Weekend Representative segments of discussion Ham Ross stated that he is in favor of the event, but that the organizers have to assume responsibility for controlling it. He suggested renaming it: the Leona Erickson Memorial Tournament. He further stated that he is investigating whether or not the Town has the right to prohibit beer/liquor at the event. Keith Ross stated that if there was no beer, there would be no tournament.

Greg Nelson asked how such a thing could be enforced since the Town has no open container ordinance.

Gary Russell asked what the terms are on the Recreation Center Rental Permit.

Ham Ross reiterated that there should be a contract for the teams that requires a certain level of behavior.

Mike Starck reminded everyone that the original intent of the Plan was to include the Fourth of July.

Greg Nelson responded that the Town Board may direct the Chief of Police to hire extra police for those weekends.

Ludlow North agreed with all the points made by Ham Ross and said that, as an organizer, he felt that there had to be an agreement with the teams that covered behavior both on & off the field.

Jim Patterson pointed out that the extra police need to be on the Island overnight as a third shift and that the Tournament needs to pay for this.

Motion to return to the agenda as printed. HR 5A MC

II. Vouchers approved [by motion JP/BF] in the amount of \$23,397.60. 5A MC

III. Alternative Claims approved [by motion BF/HR] in the amount of \$79,534.74. 5A MC

IV. Treasurer

A. Report from the Treasurer: approved [by motion BF/JP] showing a total balance of \$1,178,076.41 & an available balance of \$930,029.89. 5A MC

B. Update on Delinquent Personal Property Taxes

1. Of the three claims taken to court, two have settled fully, one for three years back and one for one year back; the third was ordered by the Court to pay and promised to do so within 45 days.

C. Approval [by motion HR/BF] of new checking account for Section 125 Flex Plan reimbursements by VantageFlex, LLC 5A MC

V. Minutes

A. April 27, 2010 approved as submitted [by motion JP/LW] 5A MC

VI. Public Works

A. Parks

1. Parks Needs Assessment: Aimee Baxter presented the work of the CAPP (Community & Public Planning Committee) in this regard: CAPP is working on the park plan and will be doing a survey to that end. They want to use a service called Survey Monkey to process the results and will also need to have some surveys printed. The survey will be compiled and presented to the Board in September.

Motion to authorize expenditure up to \$366 to implement the survey (\$200 to Survey Monkey & \$166 for printing. BF/JP 5A MC

- B. MRF
 - 1. MRF Supervisor's Report accepted by unanimous consent of the Board.
- C. Roads
 - 1. Town Foreman's Report accepted by unanimous consent of the Board.
 - 2. Cooper Engineering letter dated 5/3/10 regarding SRE (Snow Removal Equipment) building: Informational only.
 - 3. Hagen Rd. Bike Lane Project: Change order #5: Informational only.
 - 4. Town Foreman request for vacation time extension granted [by motion BF/LW 5A MC]
- D. Harbor
 - 1. Report from the committee accepted by unanimous consent.
 - 2. Recommendation from the Harbor Committee dated 5/4/10 to prohibit long-term docking/camping at Joni's Beach as well as picnicking on the dock. The Clerk is directed to create language for a resolution/ordinance and signage in this regard.
 - 3. Contract with JJR for Harbor Feasibility Study: discussion of letter from Attorney Fauerbach dated 5/10/10. Motion to authorize Fauerbach to accept JJR's change to the contract to reflect limiting the amount of fees to things that are authorized on each Task Authorization. BF/HR 5A MC
- E. Airport
 - 1. Six-year Plan: acceptance of the Plan is delayed because the State won't give an accounting till last year's projects are complete.
 - 2. Questions pertaining to Airport Projects: Special Town Board Meeting for this purpose on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 5:30 PM at Town Hall.
 - 3. Official Plat Map of the Airport: Special Town Board Meeting for this purpose on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 5:30 PM at Town Hall.

VII. Police

- A. Police Chief's Report accepted by unanimous consent

VIII. Emergency Services

- A. Ambulance Director's Report accepted by unanimous consent.
- B. Fire Chief's Report accepted by unanimous consent.
- C. Radio Upgrade Project: Contract Award Recommendation: Motion to approve the project, designate Tim Eldred as Project Representative and accept the bids as follows:
 - LPVFD-2010-1a Radio Upgrade Project (repeater, radios and pagers) to DSC Communications for \$43,776.70
 - LPVFD-2010-1b Radio Upgrade Project, Dispatch Console (reprogramming at the Ashland County Sheriff's Dispatch Center) to Northway Communications for \$795.00.The project will be funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$40,138, with the balance of \$4433.70, which includes a required 5% match of \$2112.00 and \$2321.70 for pagers not included in the original grant request, from the fire department designated funds. JP/BF 5A MC

IX. Committees

- A. CAPP covered previously
- B. Zoning
 - 1. Zoning Administrator's Report accepted by unanimous consent. The ZA reports that redoing the fire numbers is keeping her very busy but is a necessary project. The Clerk is directed to find out if there is more money in the budget with which to pay the Zoning Clerical Assistant work 200 hours more.
 - 2. Accommodation Tax & Land Use Permits: Norton Trust: the Zoning Administrator will be sending out letters regarding this on May 15. The Town Board will follow up.

X. Town Hall Administration

- A. Monthly Budget Report accepted by unanimous consent.
- B. Safety Plan: covered previously
- C. Draft Ordinance for Order to Raze Buildings and Move Personal Property: the Zoning Administrator will discuss with Attorney Fauerbach the changes that were made to the wording of the Draft.

D. Draft Ordinance for Assemblages & Special Events: Beth Fischlowitz presented the work she had done on the Draft and questioned how the enforcement language will appear. The Board will continue to work on the Draft.

E. Set date for 1st 2010 Board of Review Meeting: May 25, 2010 at 5:20 PM at Town Hall.

F. Professional Grant Writer: letter from Jane Edwards dated 5/6/10 received with gratitude.

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. Winter Transportation with the Bayfield School District
- B. Joni's Beach dock resolution/ordinance/signage
- C. Airport Six-year Plan
- D. Hangar Lease contracts, etc. (Special Town Board Meeting 5/24/2010 at 5:30 PM at Town Hall)
- E. Ashland County Budget Request
- F. Draft Ordinance for Assemblages & Special Events

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

- A. 09-cv-215 Paul Brummer vs the Town of La Pointe
- B. 04-cv-128 Town of La Pointe vs. Michael Mattingly

XIII. Adjournment at 7:45 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 5/25/10

Patty Hobin, Clerk